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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/778,234	KOVAC ET AL.
	Examiner Vivek Srivastava	Art Unit 2611

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim is objected to because of the following informalities: line 9 has a typographical error, the recited "UNPROTECTED_BOCK" should be recited as "UNPROTECTED_BLOCK". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 – 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said playback means" in lines 16 – 17. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because the claim language prior to lines 16 – 17 recite "special playback means".

Claim 1 lines 3 - 4 recites "...and a block including said content, and said advertising embedded in each other". This claim language is indefinite because it is not

clear if the advertising is embedded with the content or if the advertising is embedded with other advertising i.e. each other.

Claim 10 recites the limitation "said playback device" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because the claim language prior to line 5 recites "special playback device".

Claim 10 lines 5 – 6 recites the limitation "UNPROTECTED_BLOCK including said content, and said advertising embedded in each other." This claim language is indefinite because it is not clear if the advertising is embedded with the content or if the advertising is embedded with other advertising i.e. each other.

Claim 10 is a method claim comprising steps. The claim first recites in lines 9 – 14 (step b) a playback device with two steps designed to i. Separate said advertising and ii. Playback said UNPROTECTED_BLOCK. Step C, the next step in the method recites distributing said file to playback device. These steps seem to be out of order since the file must be transmitted to the playback device before the steps of separation or playback can be performed.

Claims 2 – 9 and 11 – 20 are rejected for being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Eldering et al (6,704930) – Advertisement insertion techniques

Rosser (6,446,261) – Targeted electronic insertion of Indicia

Eyer et al (6,588,015) – Broadcast interactive digital radio

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivek Srivastava whose telephone number is (703) 305-4038. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday from 9 am to 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Grant can be reached on (703) 305-4755. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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